



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Stefan Hau-Riege)
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Serial No.: 10/001,305)
Filed: November 30, 2001)
For: METHOD OF MAKING A)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
THAT HAS COPPER DAMASCENE)
INTERCONNECTS WITH ENHANCED)
ELECTROMIGRATION RELIABILITY)
Art Unit: 2829
Examiner: M. Harrison
Atty Docket: P12075

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of December 9, 2003, applicants respectfully request the examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks. In particular, applicants request the examiner to note that the primary reference upon which the examiner relies, Rissman et al., does not constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as applicant's invention date predates that reference's November 1, 2001 filing date. Given that fact, applicants respectfully request the examiner to find pending claims 16-24 to be patentable over the cited references, and to allow those claims to issue.